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Category Name	Requirements	Actionee	Project
Sub Category	Billing and Accounting in Release A		
Subject	Billing and accounting in the Release A timeframe.		

Description of Problem or Suggestion:

There is no provision at all to charge end-users for products in the Release A timeframe. This is risky given the current budget climate.

Originator's Recommendation

The EDC DAAC recommends that some provision for product payment by end-users be made. Clearly, this is an issue for the ESDIS Project, and a policy should be set after discussing the requirement with Release A-era data providers (TRMM, V0, Landsat Pathfinder, etc) and their DAACs.

GSFC Response by:	Greg Hunolt	GSFC Response Date	2/24/95
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The recommendation is politely but firmly rejected - there is no requirement for billing for release A. Looking ahead to Release B, the ESDIS Project agrees that this topic needs attention, with the first step being a clear data access and pricing policy which must be established by NASA Headquarters. Action to develop and adopt a policy has been started, and the DAACs have been and will continue to be a part of that process.

HAIS Response by:	Forman	HAIS Schedule	
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